International Railroad Collection: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection
Title: International Railroad Collection
Dates (inclusive): 1812-1884
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Abstract: This collection consists of letters, documents and drawings pertaining to various railroads, particularly those in
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Language: English.
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Provenance
Purchased from Anderson Galleries, 1919.
Scope and Content
The collection consists of letters, documents and drawings pertaining to various railroads, particularly those in Australia and
Great Britain, in the 19th century.
Specific railways represented in the collection include: Victorian Railways (Australia), the Midland Great Western Company
(Ireland), the Norwich and Spalding Railway (England), the Southampton, Manchester, and Oxford Junction Railway
(England), the Edinburgh, Glasgow and Leith Railway (Scotland), and the Fond Du Lac of Lake Superior Railway (U.S.)
Cataloger's note: The original lot number was retained when purchased from Anderson Galleries in 1919. It currently serves
as the call number for the respected volume. The lot number does not indicate the number of volumes in this collection.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.
Corporate Names
Baltimore and Port Deposite Rail Road Company
Chicago, St. Paul and Fond du Lac Rail-Road Company
Compagnie de chemin de fer de Paris a Rouen
Great Northern Railway (Great Britain)
London and North-Western Railway
Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland
Victorian Railways
Subjects
Civil engineers--Great Britain--Archives
Railroad engineers--Great Britain--Archives
Railroads--Australia--History--19th century--Sources
Railroads--France--History--19th century--Sources
Railroads--Great Britain--History--19th century--Sources
Lot 110 **Australia, Victoria. 1870-1880**
Board of Land and Works: Contracts and Specifications, printed on drafts and manuscripts.

Lot 111 **Australia, Victoria. 1853-1884**
Original drawings, plans, statements, etc. relating to railways.

Lot 113 **Autograph letters. 1812-1865**
Collection of autograph letters signed, including one each from George Stephenson, Robert Stephenson, James Watt, etc., lists of proprietors of lands on the sites of railroads, and various other documents (more numerous than the letters).

Lot 147 **Brunel, Isambard Kingdom.**
Letterbook, 2 volumes, indexed. Also includes copies of minutes and resolutions of various meetings of Boards, etc., for whom Brunel was working as engineer; subjects include docks, bridges, etc. as well as railways.

Lot 229 **Great Southern and Western Railway of Ireland. 1849**
List of shareholders on the railway from Cork to Dublin.

Lot 254 **Indian railways. 1845-1847**
Manuscript journal of the construction of Indian railways, with about fifty letters from the Superintendent of Works, John H. Duncan, to the gentlemen of the East India Railway Company.

Lot 256 **Ireland.**
Valuation of the engine stock of the Midland Great Western Railway Company of Ireland, as of 30 November 1853.

Lot 277 **Leeds and Bradford Railway. 1849**
Articles of agreement for purchase of a piece of land from Edward Hudson.

Lot 343 **Norwich and Spalding Railway. 1852, December 11**
Indenture of agreement, establishing the railway, with subscribers' signatures.

Lot 346 **Original tracings. 1830**
Collection of 75 tracings, blueprints, etc. of locomotive parts, machinery, etc. Includes Robert Stephenson's engine Planet no. 10.

Lot 356 **Paris and Rouen Railway. 1841**
Specification for the building of a bridge over the Seine at Maisons, French and English.
Lot 397 [Rennie, Sir John]. circa 1837
Book of reference of a portion of the projected line of the Northern Railway from London to Cambridge, containing names of owners and occupiers of property to be taken under authority of an Act for making a railroad from London to Cromford.

Lot 422 Scottish Railways. 1835-1845
Collection of manuscript agreements, etc.

Lot 430 Sopwith, Thomas. 1843-1869
Manuscript journal, with notes on railways, mines, etc., indexed sections at top.

Lot 432 Southampton Manchester and Oxford Junction Railway. 1845
Indenture of agreement establishing the railway, with subscribers' signatures.

Lot 449 Stephenson, Robert. 1838-1840
Original water-color drawings, for bridges and other works to be constructed, mostly on London and Birmingham Railway. Includes some 14 lithographs, some of the drawings, some of the originals elsewhere. Note: This has been catalogued as a Rare Book, and has Rare Book call number 10030. It was transferred to the Manuscripts Department in 1929.